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COMMUNITY COURT NOW IN SESSION AT THE BEACH

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, May 13 at noon

**LOCATION: Santa Clara Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
Mission Beach**

The Beach Area Community Court is back in session in Mission Beach right before the summer season begins. This problem-solving court offers low-level offenders in the beach area an opportunity to avoid a criminal conviction by performing neighborhood services in the beach communities where they have offended.

In 2005, a \$200,000 federal grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice to the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit (NPU) to fund the Beach Area Community Court for two years. This grant supports continuation of the Unit's Beach Area Community Court Pilot Program, launched last summer.

Attending the news conference will be District 2 Councilmember Kevin Faulconer; Angie Reddish-Day, Head Deputy City Attorney of the NPU in the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office; Regan Savalla, Beach Area Neighborhood Prosecutor; Brian Ahearn, San Diego Police Department Lieutenant; Benjamin Nicholls, Executive Director of Discover Pacific Beach; Michael Benninger, Community Court Coordinator; and community volunteers from Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, and Pacific Beach.

The Beach Area Community Court is a partnership with the San Diego Police Department, Discover Pacific Beach, and many community-based organizations and community members in Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, and Pacific Beach, who have dedicated their time to ensure the success of San Diego's third community court. The other two Community Courts serve Mid City and Downtown San Diego.

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